selected for Arjuna Award in the discipline of Kabaddi, an indigenous game. As such, Government has followed a policy of supporting indigenous games.

Promotion of Sports

2319. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the New National Policy for promotion of sports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the Central Schemes under which financial assistance is provided for promotion of sports to NGOs in rural and urban areas and performance review of such schemes, scheme-wise and State-wise, for the last three years for Maharashtra in particular; and

(d) the details of action plan for the current year and Ninth Five Year Plan, State-wise, alongwith physical and financial targets?

THE MINISTER FOR STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) The Government of India is in the process of formulating a New National Sports Policy with a view to lay stress upon broad basing of Sports and achieve excellence in performance.

The following areas are likely to receive special attention: (i)

Broadbasing of Sports and achievement of excellence;

(ii) Up-gradation and development of infrastructure;

(iii) Support to the National Sports Federations and other appropriate bodies;

(iv) Strengthening of scientific and coaching support to sports;

(v) Incentives to sports persons;

(vi) Enhanced participation of women, tribals and rural youth;

(vii) Involvement of the Corporate Sector in sports promotion; and

(viii) Creation of greater awareness to promote sports mindedness in the public at large.

(c) Under the scheme of "Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure". Central assistance is rendered to State Government, NGOs who are active in the field of sports for Creation of Sports facilities on matching share basis in rural and urban areas, State-wise details of grants released to NGOs including Maharashtra during the last 3 years under the scheme of "Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure" is given in the enclosed Statement. *(See* below)

(d) The provisions made by the Government for the sports for the current year (2000-2001) and Ninth Five Year Plan is indicated below:

Current year	**Ninth Five Year**
(2000-2001)	**Plan**
Rs. 125.61 Cr.	**Rs. 472.61 Cr.**

No specific state wise physical & financial targets as such are fixed. Under various sports schemes, grants are released to Sports authority of India, State Governments and Sports persons on receipt of proposals/requirements from them.

Statement

S!. No.	State	No. of NGOs to whom Central assistance provided			Amount released (Rs. in Lakhs) of Central assistance		
		1997-98	98-99	99-2000	1997-98	98-99	99-2000
1.	Assam	1	—	1	22.00	—	1.30
2.	Gujarat	2	2	1	7.12	10.80	0.048
3.	H.P.	—	1	—	—	0.124	—
4.	Karnataka	4	6	7	37.09	5.455	41.326
5.	Kerala	4	2	6	4.956	1.259	8.148
6.	Maharashtra	2	2	3	4.28	17.00	44.048
7.	M.P.	—	—	1	—	—	17.97
8.	Manipur	1	—	1	10.00	—	17.00
9.	Rajasthan	1	2	2	0.55	4.923	5.20
10.	Sikkim	—	—	1	—	—	0.276
11.	Tamil Nadu	3	2	2	24.524	0.081	0.227
12.	Nagaland	—	—	->	—	—	50.00